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In re the Application of:

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For: GRAPHIC EDITING DEVICE, GRAPHIC EDITING METHOD AND STORAGE MEDIUM
FOR STORING A PROGRAM

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AMENDMENT

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 14, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on May 14, 2003. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please CANCEL claim 4 and REPLACE claims 1, 11, 13 and 15 in accordance with the following:

1. (AS ONCE AMENDED) A graphic editing device, comprising:
- a display unit to display a graphic including a first object, a second object and a third object that are connected in series via lines;
 - a storage unit, coupled to said display unit, to store a first table with position information that indicates a position of each object displayed on said display unit, a second table with line information that identifies the lines connecting the first, second and third objects, and a third table with preceding information that identifies an object preceding each object, if any; and
 - an editor, coupled to said display unit and said storage unit, to delete the second object and connecting the first and third objects according to contents of the first, second and third tables in said storage unit, when the second object is selected.